Germany Staking Blood of Thousands in Desperate Gamble on Western Front

2,418,000 TEUTONS FAIL TO SMASH BRITISH ARMY IN GREATEST OFFENSIVE

By Hillaire Belloc,

for attack in the morning, especially units, faced the British line, and not itemporight by the Tribune Association.)

The great German offensive still hangs in the balance as a write. There are three elements which in spite of all the properties that has come, are still unknown to us; elements which only the decision of the battle will allow us to Third — The British alons were decision of the battle will allow us to Third — The British alons were specially units, faced the British line, and not less than seventy five stood ready to deliver the shock between the Scarpe and the Oise. Of this number forty and the Oise. Of this number forty of the best were selected for the initial blow and the remainder for "feeding in" to the advanced lines as their predecessors grew exhausted from losses and the strain of fighting and had to be withdrawn for rest and recovery. decision of the battle will allow us to

the issue of the great conflict. divisions out of his reserve, although

broken defending line, and which will broken defending line, and which will continue to be shown by success in keeping the line unbroken and in

nd may think fitting.

the Actual Front.

The front which the enemy had chosen for his attack has certain communications therefore most difficult own for his attack has certain characteristics which we mint gram before going one further, in the discussion of this attack now from the standing of those characteristics which or which the enemy had characteristics which we mint gram before going one further, in the discussion of this attack now from the characteristics which we mint gram before going one further, in the discussion of this attack one from the characteristics depends our ability to comprehen the secondary of the strength of the transformatic of the cutting of the main rail-less the whole vast battle.

Three from the widest from was chosen is that previous experi-ence has shown the futility to the at-tacking party of any partial breach of the defending line with the second of this is defending line upon a narrow

changes of finding some weak place to hanges of finding some weak place or places here and there, which might be utilized to broaden out a marrow dreak into a wide rupture were considerably increased.

Second—The ground chosen is the description of the sector. To find upon the map the depret of all that held by the British between the Valley of the Oise and the North Ses. There is here much lean of the impediment to action which comes from marshes, flooded grounds, and the numerous intersecting streams which characterize the line above I pres, for instance. An exceptional period of dry weather, is sting for many weeks, had increased the value to the enemy for his offensive of this natural feature, which, with the good duck which has become proverbial for the Germans in the marter of weather, as affecting both their stituck and defense, the drouth continued during all the first days of the attack, and is yet unbroken.

We must mention, however, in this connection, that, another feature of the weather has not been favorable to him. This is the dense mists, unusual in this territory at this time of year. Though they may have helped him in concealing his concentrations at the divisions not less than ninety—to the concentration of the sector. To find upon the map the sector the exert must look for the two towns of the sector the sector. To find upon the map the sector the sector the sector the sector the sector. To find upon the map the work and therefore his chief to wash first to would be made as near as possible toward the sector the sector the sector the sector the washington Sahitary district in the norther nimit of the front attack. Sought of St. Quentin, about seven or limit of the front attack. Sought of St. Quentin, about seven or limit of the front attack. Sought of St. Quentin, about seven or limit of the front attack. Sought of St. Quentin, about seven or limit of the front attack, and is yet unbroken.

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year. Though they may have helped and value for fighting purposes. Of them in concealing his concentrations, these divisions not less than ninety-they have retarded his opportunities six, mainly chosen from the best

ciate, and which must determine selected to bear the weight of the reorganization. blow. It was not divided, as some Forces Available first of these is the rate of the had expuected it would be, between for the Operation. enemy losses. We know that he hau the French and the British. The catabilehment of a German already (by Sunday night) had to feed enemy in this matter is calculating division at present is, of course, much into his attacking forces far more than upon the fact that the British had less than it was in the early part of ive but probably less than eighteen improvised so very great an army improvised so very great an army divisions out of his reserve, although the units used in only four days of the great struggle had then passed. In other words, he had in four days eaten up in his re-enforcements more than a third and nearly a half of his original attacking force. But we will not know until afterward—perliage long after the battle is over—upon what preportion of loss he withheld his divisions and has thrown in fresh men. This is the first and mest important fact in the whole struggle, hecause if the Germans's expense in life does not warrant the result which he attains, his desperate gamble has been lost. He is undertaking a truly grantic expense in blood, pressing his attacks almost without rout regard to cost, and with a single eye to a very rapid decision.

The second element is the defensive strength of the Eritish forces, which has been shown so far by the still unbroken and in keeping the line unbroken and in the lin in so short a time, and that this this attack have probably been some

continue to be shown by address.

Fourth—Much the most importanging the line unbroken and in bringing the German drive to a grantual stop.

The third element is the action which may be taken with the great allied reserve armirs. These have not yet begun to come into play and are awaiting these strategical objects:

their moment for such use as the high these strategical objects:

1—To create a rupture at a point part of the price of the strategical objects.

as near as possible to the junction Upon these elements victory will between the British and French armies and thus to separate them, and in case of distress to either, prevent sefficient co-operation and relief.

On account of this last point it is clear that, while pressure of the most sector; and, further, that over so large a stretch of territory the chances of finding some weak place or places here and there, which might to chosen for the attack, his strategic be utilized to breadly out the strategic be utilized to be according to the strategic beautiful to the strategic beautifu

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the war, though the units used in

ment, from 420,000 to 455,000.
Used for re-enforcement within the first four days (as mentioned

in the opening of this article) from 200,000 to nearly 250,000.

Remaining available for re-enforcement from 180,000 to 250,000.

It will be observed that the uncer of this calculation multiply toward the end, so that no very defi-nite idea can finally be reached as to the exact amount of reserves remain-

SANITARY BILL

model is shown by the fact that ar

troduced in the House of Delegates by Delegate Given of Baltimore county, cre-ating a similar sanitary district in Bal-

timore county and providing for the

timore county and providing for the construction and operation of water and sewer systems therein.

Like the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's bill this measure is banked by the Maryland State board of health. Robert B. Morse, the chief engineer of the board, and the Federated temprovements Association of Californe

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county are largely responsible for — Baltimore bill, which, in spite of the lateness of its introduction, stands an

· Affects Several Towns,

excellent chance of passage.



the heavy solid black line shows the front on which the Germans attacked on Thursday, March 21, the broken line indicating the extension of the front to the north and south, the latter being held by the French. The shaded area (1) marks the German advance on the first day. The heavy black arrow shows where the British third line was pierced on Friday afternoon, and the white area (2) is the territory abandoned by the British in consequence of the break, the battle line on Saturday morning standing on the western side of that area. By Sunday morning the British had retired across the area (3), and by Monday afternoon to the line on the western side of the area (4).

Something Like "Fawsh"

The "ch" in General Foch's name

is soft. You pronounce it as you do

the "sh" in "josh." The "o" you

pronounce somewhere between the

'o" in dog and the "o" in top. You

probably can't get that right unless

you're French. But don't say either

"Fock" or "Foke" in speaking of the

That is the proper tip on pro-

nunciation straight from France,

brought here today by Felix Frank-

furter, assistant to Secretary Baker

in the War Department. Here is

Mr. Frankfurter's thumbnail sketch

General Foch and said, 'General,

tary genius. His selection as su-

preme commander will unite all fac-

regarded as a part of the Greater Balwas resterday admitted to bail by ington's social, official, and inteltimore movement, and action was de.

Superior Judge Frank Dunne.

The court stated that he felt that

GOVERNMENT CONTROLS MILE

To the legislature on apparation.

Baltimore.

The population affected is about 50,000, all in Baltimore county, and includes the communities of Back River, Highlandtown, Lutherville, Relay. St. Denis, and a part of Green Spring valley.

Chance of favorable action on the Baltimore bill is increased by the Baltimore bill is increased by the fact that the Baltimore County Water Company, which sells water to the

tions among the allies.

"One of his officers once came to

"Then we'll make some weak

of the man himself. He says:

the enemy has no weak points."

points,' was Foch's quick reply. "He is admired and esteemed in France and England as a great min-

new generalissimo.

PLAYER IS DIRECT

FROM TRENCHES

Jacques Copeau's Players from

Paris, via New York, appearing at

Poli's for two gala performances on

Monday, April 8, announce "L'Avare,"

one of Mollere's later comedies, for

the matinee, and "Les Freres Kara-

maxov," dramatized from Dostolev- la

Although the absence of usual and

ski's novel by Jacques Copeau and

notable features of the "Theatre du

Vieux Colombier," it is nevertheless a

big undertaking to transport and re-

create for a single day the material required for the charming "atmos-phere" of simplicity of Moliere's five-act comedy and the massiveness of

the monastery, the two no ne h the tavern, in which are laid the poignant

scenes of the greatest work of one of the greatest modern writers, a craffic intime which requires no knowledge

of French language to understand and to follow. The unfolding of the story lies in actions which speak louder than words and more effect-

vely than on the screen.
The "Theatre du Vieux Colombier

The "Thestra du vieux Coismoire withheld its American presentation of "L'Avare" this past winter in honor of a former member of the company, thurles Duilin, who arrived in New York last week after three years' serv

ice in the trenches, and who proved an unending joy in his famous char-acterization of Harpagon, the miser. The performances on Monday, April

Jean Croue, for the evening.

Donning Gas Masks

QUANTICO, Va., March 31 .-The official time limit for adjusting gas masks is six seconds, but United States Marines encamped here are attempting to set new records for speedy adjustment.

French and British Instructors say the marines are showing wonderful speed in the handling of the gas masks-an almost incredible speed-one that is likely to break records in gas mask adjust-

The gas mask has a series of no small trick to adjust the headgear within six seconds' time, but entire companies of marines have already beaten that mark,

IN BALANCE AS

uentla was the center.

At some time in the afternoon, which has not been exactly specified in either the German or British dispatches, but which probably was between 3:30 and 5 p. m., the Germans reached and forced that portion of the British main defensive system which lay from due west to weat by north of the town of St. Quentin and about four miles from its suburbs. There stands a lump of high ground carrying the ruins of the village of Holnon, with the large Holnon wood behind it. On the further side, to the west again, this wood falls away upon a general slope toward the val-ley of the little river of Omignon. The main British defensive position at this point lay right across the high

ALLIES RECOVER polled a slow local retirement, but schieved no definite result. The Cambrai callent was evacuated without any very serious loss. Immediately to the southeast of Arras the enemy gained a creecht-shaped place of territory, less than two miles deep and some tweive miles across the base.

The total number of prisoners, both wounded and throughed, that he observed in these operations on the first day was not more lable 150, that is to say amon 5 per cent of the number of his attacking force of infantry, and not 2 per cent of the total number of roops is hid brought up for the supagement.

There was a considerable loss in guns by the Beltish, through the use of their field passes upon the cattier of the day seet of Arcas, and as awinging back through and and this in turn was due to a feature of the line as a whole fivolved also a larger capture of prisoners and this in turn was due to a feature of the line as a whole fivolved also a larger capture of prisoners and this in turn was due to a feature of the line as a whole fivolved also a larger capture of prisoners and this press upon the pattle, which without doubt, the Prussions success of fallure will ultimately depend in this great gamble. This feature was the Balberata ascribe of the men as a price with a great gamble. This feature was the Balberata ascribe of executionally large numbers of their men as a price with the paying for a rapid density which should break the British line before responsive of the Balberata ascribes of the before responsive of the course of the same as a price of the course of the same as a price of the course of the same as a price of the same as a pric

enforcements could be brought up or the defeable gould he organized to meet the developments of the early part of the engagement.

The universal testimony of evenity may be a second with a second of the max second developed with such an astonishingly high proportion of loss. There were being high proportion of loss. There were places where the attackers were thrown in with a mountum of seven men in the yard of front. That is, a whole division of infanity on a single killendister, against such tactics the obvious advantage to the British of waing every missile weapon that could be pushed well forward is clear, and the coll paid in loss of guins where the enemy forever the first lines and overran them was well worth the result in the destruction of Germans that they had caused before being captured.

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On the British would be forced or not. The fighting of Thursday, then on the results substance has gone against the enemy a first was very missit on the southern part of the line. The flore hang well on into the foremoon in the district of St. Quentin, and forhads the use of the enemy aircraft unit, accurately a first the organizatively late in the day. But the British discovered that the Germans on this second day were making a serious of fort in the vital southern portion of the Forcet of the line as though clearing in the north. The flore hang well on into the foremoon in the district of St. Quentin, and forhads the use of the enemy aircraft unit, accurately by the development of the southern part of the single part of the castern line is been evidenced by the german part of the single part of the southern part of the single part of the southern part of the sing



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territory in question, has recently announced rates nearly double those at present in force. LEAVE NATIONAL ARMY FOR COAST DEFENSE Col. Charles I. Phillips and Col. Henry H. Whitney, coast artiflery,

S, are under the auspites of French high commission. The patr and patronesses have not as yet be announced, but the list will be

Rena Mooney, bomb plot defendant, lengthy one, representative of Wash

for immediate relief of

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INDIGESTION

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the War Department announced this the War Department announced this afternoon. Colonel Phillips will proceed to Port Worden, Wash, where he will take command of the coast defenses of Puget sound, and Colonel Whitney will go to Fort H. G. Wright, New York, where he will take command of the coast defenses of Long learned council. -Ca-10-12 East

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